What is claimed is:

1. An on-line real estate information aggregation system, comprising:

a distributed computer network;

5   a plurality of client computers coupled to said distributed computer network;

a property services server platform connected to a data source;

a research market module hosted on said property services server platform for accessing research information on available properties and markets;

a credit reports module hosted on said property services server platform for

10   accessing credit report information of individuals and companies ;

a news and analysis module hosted on said property services server platform for accessing real estate news information; and

an order available reports module hosted on said property services server platform for enabling the purchase of market reports.

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2. The on-line real estate information aggregation system of Claim 1, wherein said research market module includes links to related services and business tools.

20   3. The on-line real estate information aggregation system of Claim 2, wherein said related services and business tools comprise at least one of appraisal services, engineering services, surveying services, permit services, title services, and construction services.

25   4. The on-line real estate information aggregation system of Claim 1, wherein said research market module is operative to:

receive search criteria for a desired property or market from a client computer;

compare the received search criteria with research information stored in said data source; and

30   if the received search criteria matches the stored research information, providing the stored research information to the client computer.

5.   The on-line real estate information aggregation system of Claim 1, wherein said news and analysis module is operative to:

receive search criteria for a desired category of news from a client computer;

compare the received search criteria with real estate news information stored

5   in said data source; and

if the received search criteria matches the stored real estate news information, providing the stored real estate news information to the client computer.

6.   A method for aggregating real estate information content for use in a

10   distributed computing environment, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a research market module for accessing research information on available properties and markets;

providing a credit reports module for accessing credit report information of individuals and companies ;

15   providing a news and analysis module for accessing real estate news information; and

providing an order available reports module for purchasing market reports.

7.   The method of Claim 6, wherein said research market module includes

20   links to related services and business tools.

8.   The method of Claim 7, wherein said related services and business tools comprise at least one of appraisal services, engineering services, surveying services, permit services, title services, and construction services.

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9.   The method of Claim 6, wherein said research market module is operative to:

receive search criteria for a desired property or market;

compare the received search criteria with the available research information;

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if the received search criteria matches the available research information, providing the research information to the user.

10. The method of Claim 6, wherein said news and analysis module is operative to:

  receive search criteria for a desired category of news;

  compare the received search criteria with the available real estate news information; and

  if the received search criteria matches the available real estate news information, providing the real estate news information to the user.